July 15, 2020

City of West Saint Paul 1616 Humboldt Avenue West Saint Paul, MN 55118

To whom it may concern,

I am requesting to submit the following details along with the application for funding assistance with remodeling and expansion expenses for BLVD Bar & Grille (soon to be BLVD Tavern). I am requesting consideration for \$25,000 for interior remodel and expansion as well as updates to the storefront and signage.

I have made the decision to move forward with remodeling our existing space as well as adding more mixed-use space including store front updates and signage. I've been operating in West St. Paul for over 14 years and my belief is that with these updates we can stay competitive for another 15 years to come.

These competitive updates will allow us to strengthen our work force by 50% going from 50 employees to 75. They will bring a contemporary new look to the building with updated storefront design including signage. With the current restrictions on operating capacity it will also allow us to accommodate more customers with proper social distancing. Consideration for the \$25,000 would make these updates a reality.

These are a few of the factors I believe will keep us operating and maintaining strong employment for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Tom Williams
Owner/BLVD Bar & Grille
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